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SUBJ: JUNE 7 BLACKMARKETING RAID CASES: STATUS REPORT

REF: ADANA 156 AND PREVIOUS

1. SUMMARY. DUE TO COURT SUMMER VACATIONS PACE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IN CASES RESULTING FROM JUNE 7 BLACKMARKETING RAIDS HAS BEEN SLOW. HEARINGS HAVE BEEN SHORT AND LARGELY PRO FORMA LEAVING UNTIL THE RETURN OF THE NORMAL JUDICIAL SCHEDULE IN SEPT NECESSARY GRAPPLING WITH SUBSTANCE OF EACH CASE. END SUMMARY.
2. SGT BELTON JOHNSON FAILED TO RECEIVE A SUMMONS FOR A HEARING

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ON JULY 16 ON CHARGES OF VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 27/1 OF TURKISH SMUGGLING CODE. JOHNSON IS LINKED IN THIS CHARGE WITH SEVERAL TURKISH NATIONAL CODEFENDANTS, INCLUDING THREE EES EMPLOYEES. A HEARING ON AUG 22, ATTENDED BY JOHNSON, WAS INCONCLUSIVE. SEPT 23 IS THE DATE FOR THE NEXT HEARING.

3. AUG 15 SGT JOHNSON, HIS WIFE LOUISE JOHNSON, SGT PAUL MARCILLE, AND JOHN REEVES APPEARED IN COURT WITH TURKISH NATIONAL CODEFENDANTS ON CHARGES UNDER ARTICLE UNCLASSIFIED

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25-3 OF TURKISH SMUGGLING CODE. POLICE OFFICERS TESTIFIED

THAT NO COERCION WAS USED TO OBTAIN TESTIMONY OF TURKISH NATIONAL CODEFENDANTS. NONE OF THE AMERICAN DEFENDANTS TESTIFIED. NEXT HEARING SET FOR SEPT 23.

4. IN HEARING AUG 26 ATTENDED BY CONOFF SGT CHARLES EGGLESTON CHARGED UNDER ARTICLES 25/3 AND 25/5 OF TURKISH SMUGGLING CODE WAS TOLD THAT HE WILL BE TRIED IN ABSENTIA. EGGLESTON THUS APPEARS LIKELY TO BE CLEARED. NEXT HEARING SET FOR SEPT 19.

5. HEARINGS FOR SGT CORNELIUS EDWARDS, JR. WHICH TOOK PLACE ON JULY 16 AND AUG 26 PRODUCED NOTHING OF CONSEQUENCE. NO WITNESSES APPEARED IN EITHER HEARING. NEXT HEARING DATE IS

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SEPT 19.

6. LT NABIL GHANI'S AUG 15 HEARING ON CHARGES UNDER ARTICLE 25 OF TURKISH SMUGGLING CODE RESULTED IN THE COURT'S DECIDING TO TRY THE CASE IN ABSENTIA. LT GHANI HAS DEPARTED TURKEY. NEXT HEARING SET FOR SEPT 23.

7. THE AUG 15 HEARING FOR SGT AND MRS GEORGE DURAN UNDER ARTICLE 27/1 OF TURKISH SMUGGLING CODE WAS INCONCLUSIVE. NEXT HEARING SET FOR SEPT 23.

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